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Duffin Family Home
Boyds
Private

c. 1890

The well-kept two story frame house began its history as a typical "I" house with two rooms down and two up and its roof line accented by a cross-gable pediment. It has since been doubled in size. The property has been owned by the black family that built the house for almost a century. The history of this family, the Duffins, has been traced at least to the 1790's, making them one of the oldest documented black families in the state of Maryland.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Duffin Family House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER East side of White Grounds Road

CITY, TOWN

Boys

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Md.

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

NO

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—NO

PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE

—MUSEUM

—COMMERCIAL

—PARK

—EDUCATIONAL

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—ENTERTAINMENT

—RELIGIOUS

—GOVERNMENT

—SCIENTIFIC

—INDUSTRIAL

—TRANSPORTATION

—MILITARY

—OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Edna Johnson and Lorraine Duffin

Telephone #: 972-0356

STREET & NUMBER

19635 White Grounds Rd.
Boys

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Md.

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Registry of Deeds

Liber #: 4161

Folio #: 769

STREET & NUMBER

Montgomery County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Rockville,

STATE

Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

NONE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This well kept, two story house stands on the east side of White Grounds Road. The entire property is bordered by a low cyclone fence painted green. There are several shade trees around the house which give it a lovely appearance in the spring and summer. Today, the house is occupied by Mrs. Edna Duffin and her sister Lorraine Duffin. They recall the earlier appearance of this house since they were raised here. Mrs. Edna Duffin was born in this house in 1891. She remembers that during the lifetime of her parents the grounds around the house resembled a small farmstead. To the north of the house was the lot for the horses, cows and hogs. There was a stable for the horses and milk cows as well as a hog lot further from the house. Behind the house was a hen house, and they had ducks as well. Directly behind the house was the meathouse. To the south was the vegetable garden. In the fall, the produce was harvested, canned by the family and stored in the cellar below the house.

Mrs. Johnson recalls that the house originally consisted of the north block, which had two rooms down and two up and a two story ell attached to the rear length. In the 1930's another two story block was added to the south gable end of the original block. It consisted of two stories, one room down and one room up. The downstairs became the new parlor.

The frame of the house is covered with weatherboards which have been painted white. The facade consists of three bays, a door centrally located flanked on either side by a window containing a double hung sash with two over two lights. The entire front length of the house is sheltered by a shed porch supported by turned posts with brackets.

The roof line of the original block was accented by a cross gable pediment. The addition of the 1930's has its gabled end oriented towards the front of the house so its gabled end gives the appearance of two gable pediments along the front.

In the interior of the original block the room to the north was the parlor, the room to the south the dining room, and the downstairs room in the ell was the kitchen. The upstairs rooms were bedrooms. The rooms downstairs contain many lovely furnishings, including golden oak china cabinets, tables and chairs, and a wide variety of porcelains and crystal glasses that belonged to Addison and Celia Duffin, the owners of the house. They have been collected by the Duffin children over the years. These furnishings represent the sensitivity of the Duffin family for decorative things.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		Black history	
				Local history	

SPECIFIC DATES

C. 1890

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to Edna Duffin Johnson, she was born in this house in 1891. Though her accounts vary, it is likely that this house was built in the late 1880's or at least by 1891.

It stands on property adjacent to the land owned earlier by her parents and grandparents. The house may have been constructed with the assistance of her father, Addison Duffin.

Deed records of this site are as yet unclear. The current deed 4161/769 for one acre refers to the earlier deed JA 58/196 in which Addison Duffin acquires land from James A. and Sarah E. Boyd in 1896. However, the land is only 129 sq. perches and is therefore not equal to the full one acre parcel. Also, this house was built before 1896 and oral tradition maintains Duffin ownership at least to the early 1900's.

Addison Duffin was one of the largest landowners of the black families in the White Grounds community, or for that matter in any of the other black communities surveyed. The following deeds record his purchases (there may have been more which were not recorded): TD 14/59, 0.5 acres, \$150.00, 1917; 184/462, 2 acres, \$50.00, 1906; 270/97, 7 acres, 1917; and 7 acres, \$100.00, 1900. *

See the slides of this site for copies of the photographs of Addison Duffin and his wife, Cecilia Duffin. Also the Duffin family history is related to other families' histories in the survey area. For example, Cecilia was the daughter of Henry Noland in the Jonesville community. She was raised there and during her youth worked as a laundress at the Chiswell's home on Cattail Road, which has recently been restored. The family tree of the Duffin family, which is being compiled now, will show the connections of the Duffin family to the Hacketts of Big Woods, the Hamiltons of Jerusalem.

Selections from the family Bibles of the Duffins and Nolands in the possession of Edna Johnson have been recorded as part of this survey and are included with the survey report.

Because of the valuable historical resources of this family, it is one of the most important in the survey area.
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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Oral interviews (not taped) with Edna Johnson and Lorraine Duffin,
 Feb. - April 1979, by George McDaniel, White Grounds Community.
 Family Bibles in the private possession of Edna Johnson and Lorraine
 Duffin, White Grounds Community.
 Deeds 4161/769, JA 58/196, TD 14/59, 184/462, 270/97. Montgomery
 County Courthouse, Rockville, Maryland.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

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STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson, Md.

STATE
Md.

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HISTORY OF DUFFIN FAMILY AND RELATED FAMILIES

From the Duffin and Noland Family Bibles

In the possession of Edna Duffin Johnson and Lorraine Duffin
White Grounds Rd., Boyds, Md.

	Born	Died
I. BIRTHS AND DEATHS:		
Family of John Henry and Maria Jane (Hackett)Duffin		
Maria Jane Hackett	Nov.14,1834	Aug.3,1904
Henson Thomas Hackett		1850
Loyd Hackett		1874
John Henry Duffey	June 1822	Jan.17,1900
Mara Duffey(mother of John Henry Duffey)		May 1848
Henson Thomas Duffey	Feb.21,1852	
Martha Virginia Duffey	Dec.16,1853	1889
James Loyd Duffey	Nov.26,1855	1856
Maria Elizabeth Duffey	Sept.23,1857	
Addison Eugene Duffey	Aug.21,1859	
Henry Prince Smith Duffey	Nov.14,1861	1880
Francis Louisa Duffey	Oct.18,1863	
Greenbery Washington Duffey	Oct.29,1865	1889
Mary Florence Duffey	Nov.1, 1867	
Vachel Gilmore Duffey	Jan.10,1870	
Flora Belle Duffey	Apr.1, 1872	1923
John Robert Duffey	Mar.6, 1874	

Children of Addison and Cecilia (Noland) Duffin

Marshall Duffin	1884
Kattie M. Duffin	1886
Bessie Duffin	1888
Edna B. Duffin	1891
Dora L. Duffin	1894
Addie V.B. Duffin	1898
Lorraine J. Duffin	1904
Warner Reginold Duffin	1908

II. MARRIAGES:

John Henry Duffey Family Bible

Maria Jane Hackett & John Henry Duffey	May 1, 1850
Martha Virginia Duffey & James E. Awkard	Sept.15,1880
Maria Elizabeth Duffey & Warner Weems	Jan.27,1879
Mary Duffey & Henson Thomas Duffey	Apr.16,1872
Anna C. Nolen & Addison Eugene Duffey	Dec.12,1883
Mary Florence Duffey & George N. Davis	Mar.15,1890
Francis Louisa Duffey & Arthur G. Robinson	Dec.27,1893
Mattie A. Warren & John Robert Duffey	
Flora Belle Parker & John M. Parker	

III. NOLAND FAMILY RECORDS:

John Henry Noland	Sept.22,1904
Ester C. Noland	Sept.25,1914

Children:

Anna Cecilia Noland, (laundry^{at} at
Chiswell's home, big stone house
off Route 28 on Cattail Road).

William Noland	1930
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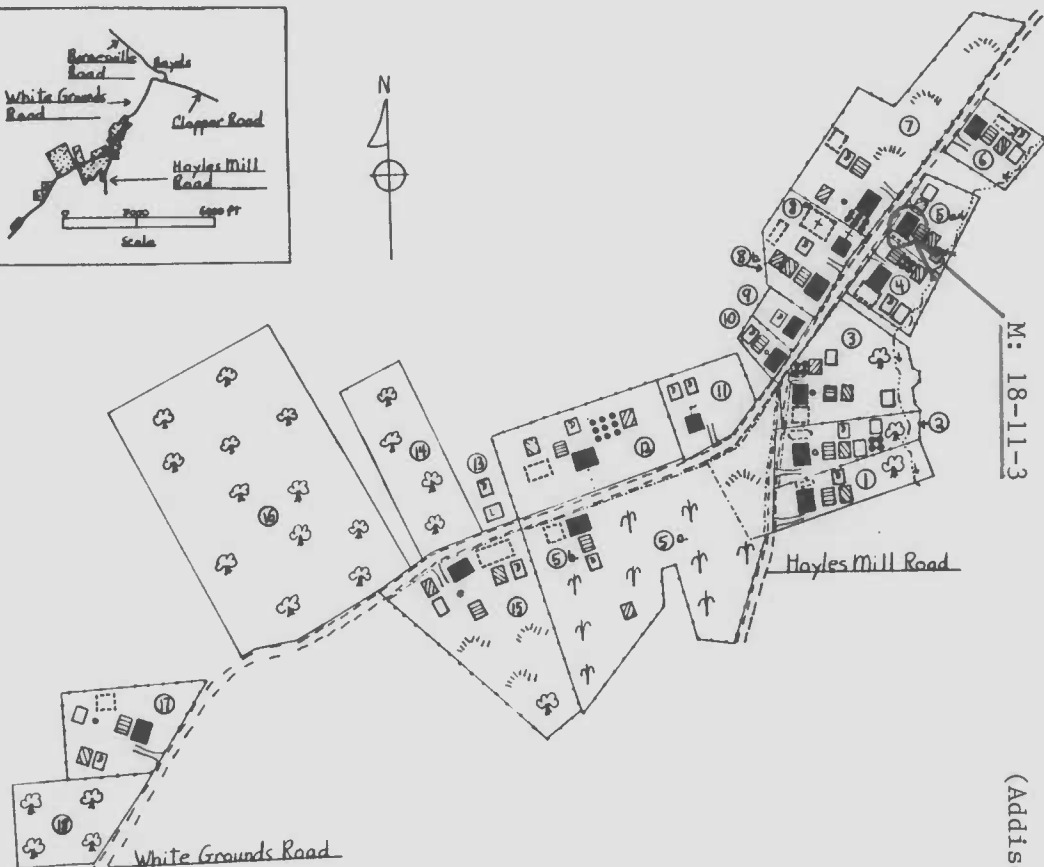
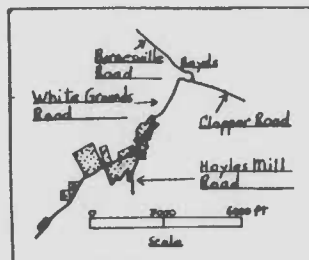
Vivian Noland	1930
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Key

CHURCH	+
CEMETERY	+
LONGE	L
COMMUNITY CENTER	C
STORE	S
POST OFFICE	P
SCHOOL	■
DWELLING	■
BRICK	D
STABLE	▨
WHEAT HOUSE	▨
WAX HOUSE	▨
WAX HOUSE	▨
CORNFIELD HOUSE	F
BIG POND	■
POND	■
PASTURE	
CORN FIELD	
WAX FIELD	
ORCHARD	●●●
RODENT	●●●
TRUCK	+
WELL	○
SPRING	○
STREAM	~
ROAD	—
PARCEL BOUNDARY	---
FENCED PARCEL BDY.	---
FENCE	---
WIDE ROAD	---
LANE	---
PATH	...
STREAM FLOW	→

DWELLINGS AND OUTBUILDINGS NOT DRAWN TO SCALE
HSTD. = HOMESTEAD PROP. = PROPERTY

- MARTHA CARTER HSTD. 1.00 AC.
- WILLIAM LUCKETT HSTD. 2.00 AC.
- WILLIAM GIBBS HSTD. 3.00 AC.
- DUFFIN-HEERON HSTD. 1.00 AC.
- ADDISON DUFFIN HSTD. 25.00 AC.
- RENTED HOUSE
- FARM FIELD
- DIGGINS HSTD. 0.50 AC.
- JACOB RIPLE HSTD. (white) 5.00 AC.
- ST. MARK'S M.E. CHURCH 2.00 AC.
- ST. MARK'S PARSONAGE
- JOHN MORSEY HSTD. 0.50 AC.
- BLANCHER WILLIAMS HSTD. 0.50 AC.
- BOYDS NEGRO SCHOOL 1.52 AC.
- JOHN BROWN HSTD. 5.00 AC.
- ODD FELLOW'S LODGE
- GEORGE DAVIS HSTD. 6.00 AC.
- GEORGE HAWKINS HSTD. 7.00 AC.
- JAMES WILLIAMS PROP. (white) 36.00 AC.
- JOHN PARKER HSTD. 5.00 AC.
- TIMOTHY CATON PROP. 5.00 AC.
- JOSHUA DUFFIN HSTD. 2.00 AC.
- NATHAN DUFFIN HSTD. 1.00 AC.



WHITE GROUNDS COMMUNITY, c. 1900-1925

Source
Steven Doolittle
Sugarloaf Regional Trails
Oral Informants
Agnes Coates
Mae Coates
Clara Talley

(Addison Duffin Homestead)
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Duffin Family Home



Addison and Cecelia Noland Duffin sit beside Susie Smallwood and her baby dolls. The Duffin family lived in a red, frame, tenant house on the

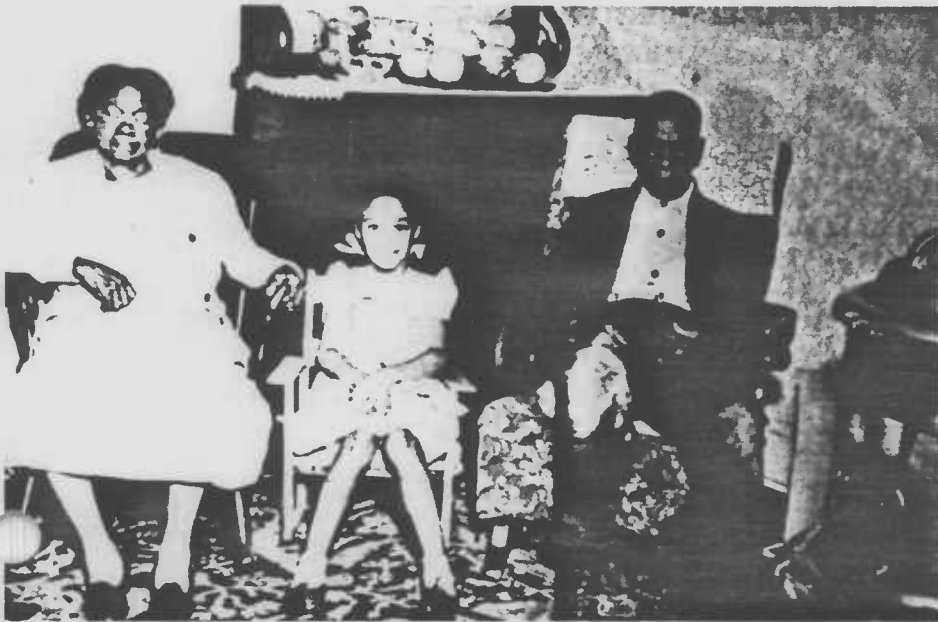
Benjamin Collinson Gott plantation near Boyds during the first years of their marriage. The Gott daughter, Daisy, taught the Duffin children

their ABCs.

When the railroad brought prosperity to Boyds, Duffin bought land for himself and built a spacious home. He installed a parlor stove with heat-resistant windows, possibly obtained from Gilmore's mica mine near Kensington.

He farmed his land and worked, too, at James Darby's mill and Wade's Store in Bucklodge. Duffin became ever more prosperous, and helped build Saint Mark's African Methodist-Episcopal Church across the street from his home in 1893. (It is now Saint Mark's United Methodist Church.)

When the four Duffin daughters grew older, they left to work in other people's homes, and Cecelia and Addison invited the pastor's daughter, Susie Smallwood, to live at their big house. From the collection of Lorraine Duffin; courtesy of the Boyds/Clarksburg/Germantown Historical Society



The luxurious society wedding of Natalie Bowman and William B. Kuykendall, circa 1937, emphasized end of the Depression in Montgomery County. Only the little flower girl, Carol Ann King, breaks

the height pattern set by the five pretty bridesmaids and five handsome attendants of the groom.

From left to right, the bridesmaids were Polly Bergmann, Lois Marr, Jane Moore, Jean Pugh, and

Marianna Howard. The groomsmen were Harry Canter Kuykendall, Hall Gibbons Canter, Harry Canter, Dewey Noland, and Joseph Kohen. Courtesy of Jean King Phillips



Anna Cecelia Noland Duffin
married to Addison Duffin
in 1883,

Born in Iowa, daughter of
Henry Noland.

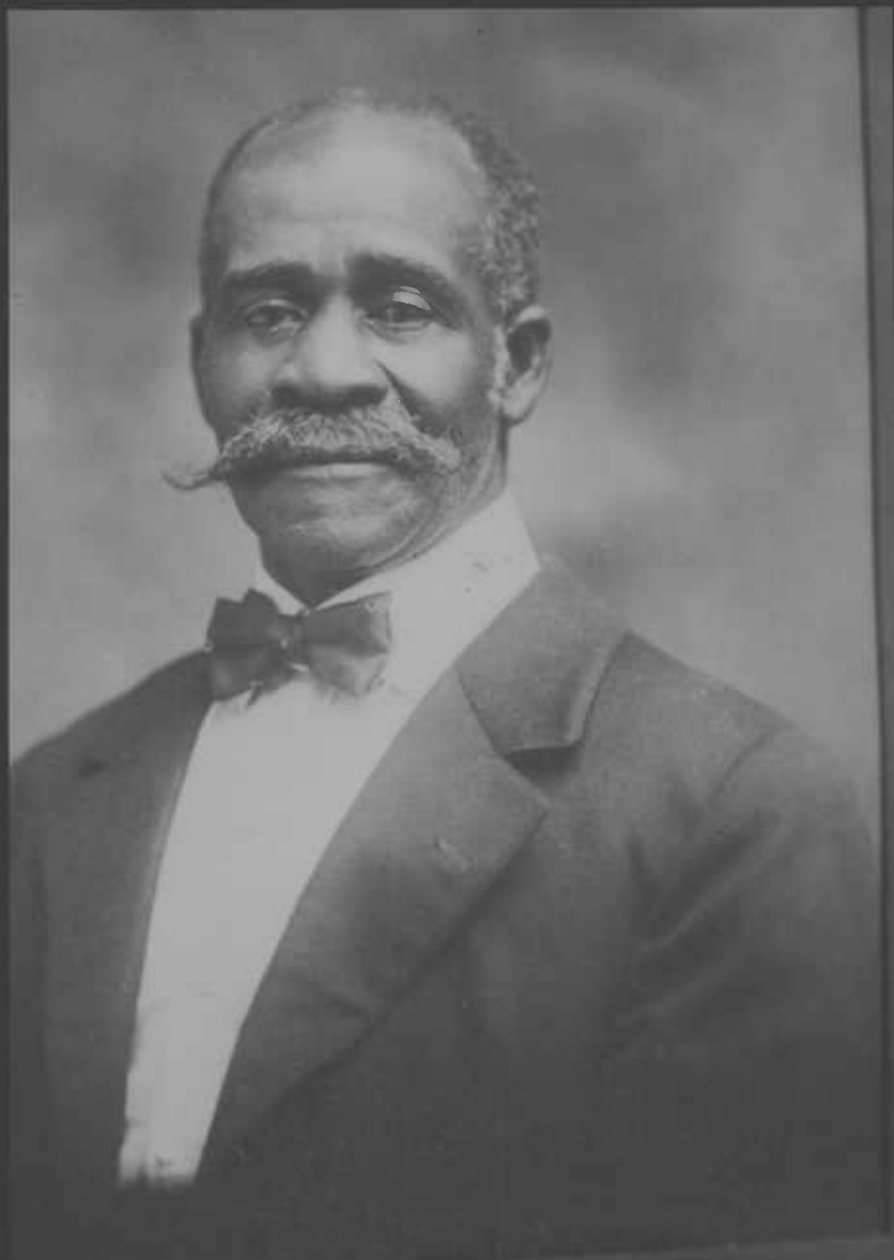
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Duffin Family House

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Southwest Elevation



Duffin house , M-18-11-3
19635 White Grounds Road
Boys, Md.

Photographer: Joseph J. Davis
Date : Feb. 4, 1979

Rear left view. Looking NNW.
S.E. Elevation



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